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may we QUOTE



you on that?

[1] ADALI E STEVENSON, speaking on racial segregation: "Freedom is unfinished business until all citizens may vote and live and go to school and work without encountering in their daily lives barriers which we reject in our law, our conscience and our religion." . . .

[2] Sen HARRY F BYRD (D-Va), calling South to challenge integration order: "If we can organize the Southern States for massive resistance to this order I think that in time the rest of the country will realize that racial integration is not going to be accepted in the South." . . . [3] MILTON LUCY, father of Negro woman fighting to enter Univ of Ala: "We raised 10 head of children. . . and every one of them was taught to stay their distance from white folks, but to give them all their respect. If Autherine has changed from this, she didn't get her new ideas from home. . . Why, out of

all the colored folks in Ala, did this have to fall to my baby daughter's lot?" . . . [4] Sir

ANTHONY EDEN,

British Prime Minister, on atomic warfare: "I observe that Soviet leaders sometimes say that the use of the hydrogen bomb would mean the end of capitalism but not of communism. I think that is a fantastic illusion." . . . [5] Sen STUART SYMINGTON (D-Mo), chmn, Senate Armed Services Subcommittee: "We may have the 2nd-best air force today. If present policies continue, we are certain to have it tomorrow." . . . [6] Sen RUSSELL B LONG (D-La), after being introduced as one of youngest men ever to serve in U S Senate: "Aren't they ever going to let me grow up? I'll be carried to my grave with the title of 'that boy Senator.'"

16th year of publication



The Gross Nat'l Product for '55 has been announced as \$387 billion, a new high record. Economists generally are predicting it will exceed \$400 billion in '56. Gross Nat'l Product (or GNP, as it is commonly designated) represents the total of all commodities and services, as recorded for a stated period. This total has been rising steadily each yr and now stands at approx 85% over the figure of 10 yrs ago. But this does not mean, as many surface observers are led to believe, that we produced in '55 some 85% more goods and services than in the yr '45. Figures quoted are in dollars rather than in production units. Rising prices boost the dollar volume of GNP, even with no increase in production units.

And there is yet another important consideration, if we reduce the figure to a per capita reckoning. In the decade from '45 to '55, we had a population growth of nearly 25 million persons. Thus, merely to maintain its relative per

capita position, an expanding economy must show an annual increase in production. Considering the factors of inflation and population, Earle L. Rauber, Atlanta Fed'l Reserve economist, figures that our "real" share of GNP has increased, in the past decade, from \$1,774 to \$2,039 per person—or about 15%.

In earlier decades population rises reflected immigration, thus representing a quickly-realized production potential. Now, they represent almost wholly an increase in the birth rate. To put it another way, we have added in this decade 25 million mouths to feed, bodies to clothe, minds to educate, with no immediate productive compensation.

Since we no longer tolerate child labor, this added burden of unproductive population is another reason why the increased productivity of our work-force is imperative. Thus the growing trend toward automation. As far as we can see into the future, we must produce more commodities with fewer workers in relation to the total population.

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"He who never quotes, is never quoted"

ACCIDENTS—1

The human being is an incurable optimist. He believes he has a pretty good chance to win a lottery prize, but that there is rarely the slightest chance of his getting killed in a traffic accident.—*Jackson (Miss) State Times*.

AUTOMATION—2

Automation frightens many thoughtful observers. If machines replace men what will it mean to the economy, to the social structure, to the company bowling league?—*Kansas City Star*.

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As automation develops, we can look forward to a decrease in the numbers of persons employed in some types of work and an increase in the numbers of persons employed in other types of work; but there will be no sudden step-wise change. The ongoing trend is illustrated by the fact that in 1900 about one industrial worker in 250 was an engineer and that now about one in 50 is an engineer. The prospect of automation suggests that similar trends will continue. — DAEL WOLFLE, "Education and New Approaches to Manpower," *Teachers College Record*, Columbia Univ, 2-'56.

BEHAVIOR—3

People are interested first in people, then in things, last in ideas. —G EDW PENDRAY, "Ten Maxims of Public Relations," *Recreation*, 2-'56.

BEHAVIOR—4

A co-ed recently observed: "I can't recite the 10 Commandments which I learned in my home—but, somehow, I still live by them."—A DONALD BELL, "Family Life & God's Word," *Watchman-Examiner*, 2-2-'56.

BELIEF—5

A farmer exhibited at a county fair a pumpkin grown in the exact shape of a 2-gallon jug. "When it was no bigger than my thumb," he said, "I stuck it in the jug and just let it grow. When it filled the jug, it quit growing."

What the glass jug did for the pumpkin, our beliefs can do for our souls. We grow as big as the things we believe, and there we stop. Beliefs are creative, and they also are restrictive. They make us what we are, and limit us to what they are.—ROY L SMITH, "Shopping for a Cheap Religion," *Christian Herald*, 2-'56.

CHILD GUIDANCE—6

Every child has a right to be both well fed and well led.—RUTH SMELTER, *Kosmon Pioneer Bulletin*.

Quote

washington

by Les & Liz
Carpenter



The 74 page boys who serve the U S House and Senate come in assorted sizes, but the 4 pages of the U S Supreme Ct must not be more than 5' 2" in height when they get their jobs. "We don't like them sticking over the bench," the court marshal explains. Another consideration: there are 2 short justices—Felix Frankfurter and Harold Burton.

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Press Gallery comment on Dr Paul Dudley White's heart activities: "Dr White is willing to retire whales, but not elephants."

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Out of the tv make-up rooms, Beryle Denzer, associate producer of CBS public affairs programs, reveals these secrets:

Sen Hubert Humphrey (D-Minn) uses pancake make-up called *Sun God*.

Columnist Drew Pearson's problem is his mustache—it has to be blackened.

Speaker Sam Rayburn requires pancake make-up on his bald pate.

At the Democratic Women's Club school on campaigning, Miss Denzer advised: no unusual hats, no dangling jewelry; sit in uncomfortable chairs ("in a low chair you get lots of knee"); don't look at the interviewer, look at the camera ("you look more honest that way.")

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CHRISTIANITY—7

During the last World War, thousands of bombing planes were sent on missions of destruction. After the war a few of them were taken over for commercial service. They are called "converted bombers." The converted bomber has a new owner. It carries a new cargo. It has a new pilot.

In Christian conversion, Jesus Christ delivers us from the old life and possesses us for God. He enters into the cockpit of the heart, takes over the controls and operates the old life on a new course.—ROBT BOYD MUNGER, *What Jesus Says* (Revell).

CHURCH—Contribution—8

In reminding his congregation to return their gift envelopes to the Church of St Andrew's-the-Great, Cambridge, England, Canon A L Woodward said:

"If God hath made you good and round,

Out with your purse and put in a pound;

If poor but yet in spirit willing, God will accept your homely shilling.

But if you nothing have to give, Heaven help you, how are you going to live?

In this church no receipt is given,

Look to your reward in heaven."

— Cambridge (England) *Daily News*.

COMMUNITY SERVICE—9

In the field of human relations no place is more important than the little plot of ground that is your neighborhood. To grow something besides old on it you should enrich it with a full measure of genuine friendship.—BURTON HILLIS, *Better Homes & Gardens*.



mining the magazines

In "Why All These Hurricanes?" *Popular Mechanics* (Mar) Dick Fredericks presents comprehensive survey of what Gov't is doing about weather in gen'l and hurricanes in particular. Meteorologists admit they don't know much about Diane and the other mad maidens—but they're trying valiantly to learn more. Most promising immediate prospect: improved warning system. Intriguing statistic: power of a hurricane is est at 5 trillion horsepower—equal to 500 atom bombs.

Curtis Pub Co, which, some mo's ago, folded its television magazine, launched in competition with *TV Guide*, has now disposed of its quarterly *Bride-to-Be*, after publication of only 3 issues. The property was sold to *Bride's Magazine*, and will doubtless be merged with that periodical.

Television Age devotes current issue to a forecast of Color tv in '56. Editors express belief that this is the yr color will really begin to "catch on." Figures cited. On Jan 1, '55 there were 9,690 color sets in the hands of the public; by Nov 1, number had grown to 26,932. By Jan 1, '56 44,310 color sets had been sold. The figures are small, it is conceded, "but the percentages are terrific."

Der Steuerzahler, Stuttgart, includes amongst its epigrams one reading, "Don't command; convince." Since the title of this periodical, in translation, is *The Tax-Payer*, we are wondering just whom the editor had in mind.

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Last month *Better Living* (McCall Corp'n) became the 2nd magazine distributed thru super-mkts to reduce its circulation guarantee to advertisers. *Woman's Day* had previously made a comparable reduction. General consensus: the field is getting a little too crowded. *Family Circle*, pioneer supermkt-distributed jnl, is currently holding its circulation above the guarantee of 4 million copies monthly. *Better Living*, incidentally, is currently increasing its price from 5¢ to 7¢ a copy, on the theory that other supermkt wares are odd-priced and the housewife, buying the magazine along with her groceries, will accept the add'l 2 cts charge without resistance.

Maybe it's the Bridey Murphy influence, but periodicals are currently giving increased space to hypnotism. *Today's Health* (Feb) contains article by Dr Jas A Brusel, "Hypnotism—Humbug or Healing?" It can be either, says this M D, in summary. As humbug, it's downright dangerous; for psychiatrists it may be a usable tool.

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CRITICISM—10

Politicians who criticize and present no concrete plan for bettering conditions should be laughed off the rostrum. They are cheap opportunists. Any nitwit can find fault. Only able men can formulate sound plans and make them work. When you hear a ranter tell the world that things as they are are all wrong, call on him to say what *he* would do to make them right. If he has no satisfying answer, he's a dud.—*G C C Side-lights*, hm, Gen'l Credit Corp'n.

EASTER—11

A friend stood one day where he could view Golden Gate bridge at San Francisco. At first it was completely shrouded in early morning fog. But as the sun rose the fog lifted between the upright piers of the bridge, leaving the land anchors still unseen. Is it not so with life? We see only what is between the great piers called birth and death. But Easter lifts fog from both. Easter is the time when we see more completely the anchorages that sustain life.—*GEP*, ECL: EMBERG. *Wesley News*.

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One custom that appears to be universal is the donning of new clothes. The crowds who join in Easter parades are doubtless unaware that they represent a last dim survival of the conferring of white robes upon the newly baptized. In the far-off days this was the gen'l practice, and those already baptized put on new or clean garments at Easter as a reminder of their own baptism.—*VICTORIA A BANKS, Church Mgt.*

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EDUCATION—12

Despite our widespread free educational system, four of every 100 men entering the Armed Services today have had less than 4th-grade schooling. Between Mar '54 and Sept '55, the Army had to give elementary "cram courses" to 17,118 men—the near-equivalent of a full infantry div'n of 18,000.—*LAWRENCE GALTON, American Mag.*

Quote scrap book

"An iron curtain has descended across the Continent," said WINSTON CHURCHILL, in his address at Westminster College, Fulton, Mo, 10 yrs ago this coming wk (Mar 5, 1946.) But the British Prime Minister, describing deteriorating relations with Russia, did not originate the phrase. It was coined by von Krosigh, Hitler's Minister of Finance, and used frequently by Goebbels in propaganda during War II.

EDUCATION—13

Education is no longer thought of as a preparation for adult life, but as a continuing process of growth and development from birth until death.—*STEPHEN MITCHELL, Western Mich College, "Value of Dissent," Peabody Jnl of Education, 1-'56.*

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Education should be as gradual as the moonrise, perceptible not in progress but in result.—*Geo JOHN WHYTE-MELLVILLE, Phi Delta Kappan.*

FOOD—14

Heaven sends us good food, but the devil sends us bad cooks.—GAYELORD HAUSER, *The Gayelord Hauser Cookbook* (Faber & Faber, England).

FUTURE—15

The danger of the past was that men became slaves. The danger of the future is that men may become robots.—ERICH FROMM, "The Present Human Condition," *American Scholar*, Winter '55 -56.

GOD—and Man—16

An elderly Irish preacher, offering his testimony before the Irish Conf in Cork, one time said, "When I was a young man just entering the ministry, I made the Lord a promise that every time I left my house I would make the devil sorry before I got home."—ROY L SMITH, "Getting Along With People," *Christian Advocate*, 2-16-'56.

GOOD—OLD—DAYS—17

The good old days? We get a leaky faucet; their pump lost its prime. We jam a zipper; they lost a button. Our gas pressure gets low; they came to the end of the woodpile. Our radio tube breaks; their phonograph spring snapped. We get a blood transfusion when we are ill; they were bled by doctors. Our ladies play bridge; theirs played flinch. We are advised to use certain shampoo to save our hair; all they had to do was stay away from Indians. We break a shoe lace; they lost a buttonhook. Our girls swim in 2-oz suits; theirs sank in 2-ton ones. What do you say? Are you satisfied?—JOSEPHUS HENRY, *Scottsbluff* (Neb) *Star-Herald*.

GOV'T—Economy—18

Seems to me the much talked of economy in gov't is a little like the woman who spends \$2 for a wash dress and then has to have a \$300 washing machine to wash it in. — P-K *Sideliner*, hm, Peter Kuntz Co.

KINDNESS—19

Kindness is a hard thing to give away. It usually comes back to you.—*Try Square*, hm, Vonnegut Hardware Co.

LANGUAGE—20

The man who draws, "In other words. . ."

If he were well rehearsed, Would have no need to smother words,

He'd say the right ones first.—ELIAS LIEBERMAN, *Rotarian*.

LIFE—Living—21

The tragedy of life is what it does inside a man while he lives—the death of genuine feeling, the death of inspired response, the death of the awareness that makes it possible to feel the pain or the glory of other men in yourself.—NORMAN COUSINS, Editor, *Saturday Review*.

MARRIAGE—22

Matrimony is a bargain and somebody has to get the worst of the bargain. — HELEN ROWLAND, *American Mercury*.

MENTAL HEALTH—23

Mental illness: It comes chiefly from using persons to get things, instead of from using things to help persons.—REV LEON L. LOOF-BURROW, *Christian Advocate*.

Quote



The National Road

"We heard of Ohio,
We heard of The Road;
We crossed the stern mountains
With the lightest of load."

With America now on the verge of a vast superhighway program, this early pioneer verse recalls, on its 150th b'day, the historic status of our 1st all American highway—U S 40, the "National Road." To pioneers it was "THE Road," fittingly, its 1st surveyor was our 1st president (Washington mapped its 1st mi's as a 1755 military route). Congress ok'd it Mar 29, 1806, as the 1st nat'l project from fed'l funds. By 1840, it stretched 800 mi's from the Cumberland Gap to Vandalia, Illinois, carrying the great settler migration to the Midwest and on. The road halted short of its St Louis goal when rail travel came in; in disrepair, it even lost nat'l status awhile. But the auto age made it a vital artery again as U S 40, making this 1901 "hail & farewell" tribute seem (albeit reverent) just a bit previous:

It is a monument of a past age; but like all other monuments, it is interesting as well as venerable. It carried thousands of population and millions of wealth into the West; and more than any other nat'l structure in the land, served to harmonize and strengthen, if not save, the Union.

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MORALE—24

Morale is when your hands and feet keep on working when your head says it can't be done.—Adm BEN MOREEL.

MUSIC—25

People don't sing any more. They sit on their fat talents and listen to other folk whoop and holler on radio and tv. . .Where are the singers of the future going to come from? Nobody learns to sing simply by sitting in a dark room and listening to somebody else. . .Congress should enact legislation making it compulsory for every American family to gather in the front room at least twice a wk and do something to exercise their brains instead of their ears.—RED FENWICK, *Empire*.

OPINION—26

A favorite sport of small-calibre persons is catching somebody changing his mind—especially if the victim happens to be in the public eye. To cling stubbornly to old opinions just because we once cherished them is as stupid as to cling to them because they once belonged to our grandfather. . . We ought to dare to re-examine our opinions from time to time to find out whether they are still valid. A century before Christ was born, Cicero was insisting that "change of mind is not inconsistency."—*Whatsoever Things*, Stetson Univ.

POLITICS—27

One of the most common effects of a univ education is an increased interest in politics.—E E SCHATT-SCHNEIDER, Wesleyan Univ, "Education for Democratic Citizenship," *Teachers College Record*, Columbia Univ, 2-'56.

pathways to the past

Edited by Janet Baldwin



Holy Wk

Mar 25—Palm Sunday. . *Lady Day (Annunciation).* . Continental Congress' 1st medal was awarded 180 yrs ago (1776), to Gen Washington, for driving British troops from Boston. . 85th anniv (1871) of b of American sculptor Gutzon Borglum (d 1941), whose Mt Rushmore portraits of Washington, Lincoln, Jefferson and Theodore Roosevelt comprise the world's largest monument. . Familiar sounds dep't: 35 yrs ago (1921) Sec'y of State Chas E Hughes rejected Russ trade renewal pleas "so long as Communism prevails."

Mar 26—S Carolina adopted its state constitution 180 yrs ago (1776). . California added a needed state law, the 1st fraudulent elections law, 90 yrs ago (1866).

Mar 27— Tho belittled as a president, Tennessean Andrew Johnson was the far-sighted Congressman who introduced the country's 1st homestead bill 110 yrs ago (1846); the measure failed.

Mar 28—A visit by gentle Dorothea Lynde Dix to a Massachusetts "house of correction" 115 yrs ago (1841) changed the mental health picture nation-wide; outraged at treatment of insane, she began life-long crusading for reform, single-handedly launching 16 states' reforms. . Virginia Woolf, gifted leading writer of England's "Bloomsbury group," took her own life 15 yrs ago (1941).

Mar 29—Congress voted funds for the Cumberland Road, 1st and most-famed nat'l highway, 150 yrs ago (1806); planned to run from Maryland to St Louis, the "Great Nat'l Pike" (now U S 40) ended in Illinois after 34-yr construction; its 800-mi length was main thorofare for pioneers.

Mar 30—Good Friday. . Geo Washington set boundaries for the future Potomac capital city 165 yrs (1791). . 110th anniv (1846) of b of brilliantly satirical Spanish portraitist, Francisco de Goya.

Mar 31—360th b'day (1596) of French philosopher - mathematician Rene Descartes, whose scientific methods affected most later philosophers, and who laid groundwork for analytical geometry. . 335 yrs ago (1621) the *Mayflower* sailed for England with nary a faint-hearted Pilgrim aboard. . The bell tolled 325 yrs ago (1631) for English metaphysical poet John Donne. . 145th b'day (1811) of Rob't W Bunsen, German chemist. . Notre Dame's great Football coach Knute Rockne d 25 yrs ago (1931) in an air crash . . . "The Desert Fox," Nazi gen'l Irwin Rommel, 1st grabbed world headlines 15 yrs ago (1941) by launching tank-plane attack which nearly pushed British from N Africa.

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PRAYER—28

A British soldier one night was caught creeping back to his quarters from the nearby woods. Taken before his commanding officer, he was charged with holding communications with the enemy. The man pleaded he had gone into the woods to pray by himself. That was his only defense.

"Down on your knees and pray now!" roared the officer. "You never needed it so much!"

Expecting immediate death, the soldier knelt and poured out his soul in eloquent prayer.

"You may go," said the officer simply, when he had finished. "I believe your story. If you hadn't drilled often, you could not do so well at review."—*Gospel Herald*.

PROGRESS—29

If we maintain economic growth and progress in the next 80 yrs equal to that of the last 8 decades, the average American family 80 yrs hence will have an income of \$25,000 per yr in today's purchasing power.—*Economic Intelligence*.

RECREATION—30

The function of play is to balance life in relation to work, to afford a refreshing contrast to responsibility and routine, to keep alive that spirit of adventure and that sense of proportion which prevents taking oneself and one's job too seriously, and thus to avert the premature death of youth, and not infrequently the premature death of man himself.—*AUSTIN FOX RIGGS, Play* (Doubleday).

SAFETY—Safe Driving—31

One wonders if this nation can endure half drivers and half dodgers.—*Banking*

Certainly you need no one to remind you that a dollar doesn't go as far as it once did. But some of us perhaps, don't realize just how far the purchasing power of our money has shrunk. As forceful reminder, the Western Tax Council, of Chicago, has just issued a revealing table.

Assuming that you made \$5,000 in the yr 1939, the Council estimates that you would need today an income of \$12,050, just to keep even with the board. Naturally, the higher your '39 income, the more startling the contrast becomes. If you made \$25,000 in '39, for example, you now need \$99,136, or nearly 4 times your former income, to equalize the purchasing power. Even in the lowest range, you'd have to *double* your '39, income to hold your own. Against an income of \$1,200 in '39, you now need \$2,364.

This table takes into acc't the rise in personal income taxes, the rise in corporate income taxes (reflected in the price of goods) and the effect of steadily rising inflation over more than 15 yrs.

The Western Tax Council is the organization that has been currently campaigning in an effort to secure a constitutional limit on Fed'l income taxes. Their chances of success are not spectacularly bright, but the table just issued certainly causes us to pause and ponder.

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SEXES—32

A successful man is one who makes more money than his wife can spend. A successful woman is one who lands such a man and marries him.—*Tit-Bits*, London.

SOUL—33

A man . . . makes his life by the activity of his own soul.—SMYTHE GAMBRELL, pres, American Bar Ass'n, *Tie*, published by Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

SPEECH—Speaking—34

"Never begin a speech by addressing your audience as *friends*," someone has advised, "because until you quit talking five min's earlier than they expected, they are *not your friends*."—MILDRED S FENNER, Editor, *NEA Jnl*.

TAXES—35

The word "tax" comes from the Latin word "taxare," which means "to touch sharply." Make your own wisecrack from that!—*Wkly Progress*.

TELEVISION—36

Television is that which I pay for by the month to watch other people make money.—*Fifth Wheel*, hm, Indiana Motor Truck Ass'n.

TIME & WASTE—37

As part of a cost-cutting drive, Ansul Chemical Co (Marinette, Wis) set up a series of meetings to inquire into the effectiveness of meetings and cut down time spent on them.—*Forbes*.

UNITED NATIONS—38

During the eleven yrs of its existence, the UN cannot point to a single decision that was advantageous to the U S and disadvantageous to Soviet Russia.—*American Mercury*.



Now comes the plastic telephone pole. Fashioned of laminated glass fiber with resin, these new poles weigh only about $\frac{1}{4}$ as much as wood, and will last longer; proof against fire, termites and woodpeckers. . . Increasing use of filter-tip cigarets may result in a significant pkg change. Conventional pkg tends to crush cigarets and snap off filter. Makers consider more rigid hard-box container. . . Broken shoe-lace may be thing of the past. Talon (the zipper firm) is out with new type shoe closure that eliminates lace.

American Tobacco is being sued for \$1,500,000 by Terre Haute Ind, man who says he submitted slogan, "Be happy—go Lucky" for Lucky Strike cigarets. Co says at least 2,000 persons suggested slogan, over period of yrs, but that present application was developed independently by their ad agency. Thinking up tough ones like the foregoing apparently has tendency to age ad men. Again this yr *Adv Age* rep't average death-age of ad men in '55 (based on their obituary notices) was below 59-yr mark, as against average male life span of 69.7 yrs. . . Maybe more ad men should go for service offered by N Y hotel—"Take an afternoon nap—3 hrs for \$1.50."

Quote



The names of potential Presidential candidates were flying about a recent Washington cocktail party. Two relatively minor possibilities were the cause of one particularly heated discussion. The group split into 2 factions and everything was about to get out of hand when one man raised his voice and silenced everyone with this statement: "Let's face it. *Both* of these chaps are no good. Why, they'd sell their mothers if they had to."

"Ah, yes," repl'd his opposition, "but my man would deliver."—INEZ KARMA, *N Y Times Mag.* a

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Overheard at a bus stop: "How's your daughter, Mrs Perry—the one who got married last yr? Is it working out well?"

"Oh, yes, everything's fine. Of course, she can't *stand* her husband—but then, isn't there always something?"—E E KENYON, *American Wkly.* b

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The parents of a solemn little boy were worried about his morbid outlook on life, and decided to send him away to his aunt in the country for a holiday.

Seeing him off at the station they suddenly noticed that on the label of his suitcase he had written: "In case of accident, this was David Green."—*Tit-Bits, London e*

Quote

I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

David H Smith

A peppery old "odd-job" man in our community has a reputation as a chronic pessimist. As I passed by a neighboring yard one day last summer, the old fellow was engaged in mowing the lawn, cussing a blue streak the while. I asked him what was wrong. "Wire in the grass," he grumbled. "Slows me up; ruins the mower."

Surveying the lawn I saw no evidence of wire and remarked to that effect.

"No," agreed the pessimist reluctantly, "there ain't no wire here—but there's sure to be in the next lawn I mow!"

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For some unaccountable reason we're always pleased to hear about people who are not entangled in the complications of the machine age. That's why we like the story of a woman who wrote this inquiry to the director of the home service dept of a power co.

"I have a little dog of which I am very fond," she wrote, "but I've been having trouble teaching him not to chew the electric lamp cords. If he ever bites thru a cord and any of the juice leaks out onto the floor, will I get a shock if I mop it up?"—*This Wk.* d

A wealthy and generous southern bachelor was fond of his colored man, Sam, who served him in the combined capacities of houseman, cook and valet.

Being a meticulous dresser, he never wore a suit of clothes after having it cleaned a few times, but gave it to Sam as an addition to the faithful one's ever sumptuous, tho secondhand, wardrobe. One favorite suit of the gentleman's however, Sam had cleaned and pressed several times past the point where he expected to hang it in his own closet.

Patience finally exhausted, Sam exclaimed, "Boss; that ole suit o' yourn's got some spots on it I can't get out."

"Did you try soap and water, Sam?" "Yassuh! But it didn't do any good."

"How about gasoline?" "I done tried gasoline, too, Boss. I even tried some o' your lighter fluid; but them spots jus' don' budge."

"Did you try ammonia?" "No suh, I ain't tried 'em on me, thank you," grinned Sam, "but I'm sho they'll fit."—*American Mercury.* e

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In Mich, a county welfare director had to draw the line for a young applicant.

A young man walked into his office and asked for relief.

"Have you got a family?" the director asked.

"Not yet," the young man said. "But I'm getting married Sunday. I can furnish the groceries. All I want you people to do is pay the rent."—*United Press.* f

Spring: The time of yr when the shops are full of fresh new dresses, and a woman's closet is suddenly full of fresh new dustcloths.—ALMA DENNY.

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The only trouble with a man acting like a gentleman on a date is that the girl usually thinks he's mad.—DAN BENNETT.

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If the new-model cars are designed for all-out safety, why isn't the front bumper padded?—FRANKLIN P JONES.

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In a democracy, the votes of the vicious and stupid count. On the other hand, in any other system, they might be running the show.—Boston Globe.

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When ever you have a choice of 2 evils, always choose the best looking.—Seng Fellowship News, hm, Seng Co.

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Money can't buy friendship and neither can poverty.—Thoughts for Today, hm, Arnold H Glasow Co.

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It is only world history that repeats itself. Your private history is repeated by the neighbors. —Comstock (Neb) News.

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Woman has recently been placed at a disadvantage. Man can now travel faster than sound. —York Trade Compositor, hm, York Composition Co.

Quote

behind the IRON CURTAIN



Believing that "a laugh can kill," the U S Information Agency keeps its outposts busy gathering gags that seep thru the Iron Curtain. USIA refunnels these jokes thru Voice of America broadcasts. They think gags will have widest circulation among Russian people and, they hope, gag some of the policy-makers. Here are recent compilations:

A Russian traveler who wandered into Prague bragged about wonders of medical science. "We have a doctor in the Soviet who operated on a blind man, gave him a new pr of eyes; now he can see again."

"That's nothing," replied the Czech, "One of our doctors operated on a man who had lost his fingers. He was given a cow's teats in their place. Now he gets milk from them." The suspicious Russian asked, "Who saw that?" The Czech replied: "The blind man to whom your doctor gave eyes."

A refugee rep'ts overhearing a conversation in Warsaw: "No, I hadn't heard that Comrade Jan had died. In fact, I didn't even know he'd been arrested."

"When are they going to clear away this ice and snow?" one citizen of Budapest asked another. "Haven't you heard?" replied the 2nd, "They're using the latest Russian invention." "What is that?" "Why, the sun, of course."—*QUOTE Washington Bureau.*

Quote

A small boy was told that when visitors came to the house it was his duty to pay them some attention.

Shortly afterwards a Mrs Daniel called. The small boy shook hands with her politely and exclaimed in his best drawingroom manner: "How do you do, Mrs Daniel. I've just been reading about your husband in the den of lions."—*You. g*

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In a beggar's hand instead of the customary cap was a top hat. A curious person stepped up to him. "Say," he asked, "isn't it rather odd to be begging with a top hat?"

"Not at all," repl'd the beggar. "If you want to get anywhere in this street you've got to put on some class." — *Vancouver Sun (Canada).* h

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In a Paris cafe at an early morning hr a guest sat sleeping at his table. One waiter said to another, "Now I've seen you waken that fellow five times. Why don't you send him on home?"

"Do you think I should?" repl'd the other. "Each time I wake him up he asks for the bill and pays it." — *Weltbild, Munich (QUOTE translation).* i

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A mbr of the Bergdorf-Goodman staff came running up to Miss Dolan. "I just happened to be passing a fitting-room and looked in," he said, "and there was a customer trying on a blouse with a blindfold on!"

"But of course," Miss Dolan replied. "She's getting it for her husband to give to her for her birthday. It's going to be a surprise." — *BOOTEN HERNDON, Bergdorf's on the Plaza (Knopf).* j



Richard Armour



"No oiling, no misfire, no noise"

The Philippine Army may soon stalk the Communist Huks in the jungle with bow and arrow. "No oiling, no misfire, and no noise," advocates say.—News item.

Deep in the Huk-infested jungle
The bow and arrow never bungle.
In tropic climate damp and boiling,

The jointless bow requires no oiling,

The arrow's tip is always trusty
And poisons better when it's rusty.

Unlike the more advanced machine gun,

The swift and silent Philippine gun

Spits death from out the thick green matting,

Devoid of telltale rat-tat-tatting,
And smokeless, wings upon its mission

Without revealing its position.

Perhaps in future wars the marchers

Will not be riflemen but archers,
Advancing over field and river

With ancient-seeming bow and quiver

Yet with—a thought to chill men's marrows—

Atomic warheads in their arrows.

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Women's hats are always different because no one likes to make the same mistake twice.—*Weltbild*, Munich (Quote translation). k

Back in the days of ancient Rome, during the reign of Nero, two dissatisfied Roman citizens met to discuss plans to burn down the city.

"I have heard a rumor that Nero himself plans to set fire to Rome," one of them said. "Why not abandon our plan and let him do it for us?"

"Why wait for Nero to do it?" repl'd his companion. "If we do it ourselves, we can eliminate the fiddle man."—*United Mine Workers Jnl.* l

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"Pull over, buster," said the cop. "You haven't got a tail light."

The driver stopped, got out and examined the back of the car. He looked so positively horrified that the policeman was actually moved with sympathy. "It's bad, mister," said the cop, "but not that bad."

Recovering his voice, the motorist stammered, "It's not the tail light—what's happened to my trailer?"—*Wooden Barrel*, hm, Assoc'd Cooperage Industries of America. m

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Clare Boothe Luce once said to a new sec'y, "Would you be a darling and bring me my mink coat, the silver-blue one?"

A shadow of envy crossed the girl's face. "I'd give anything," she said, "to get a husband who could give me a blue mink."

"Listen, darling," Clare said, "many a girl has married for mink only to discover that what she really got was a skunk."—*ALDEN HATCH, Ambassador Extraordinary* (Henry Holt). n

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JAS RESTON, chief, N Y Times Washington bureau, on teacher shortage: "We'll develop into a nation of nitwits. A nitwit is a man who builds better roads and faster cars for juvenile delinquents and then drafts them into the army to fight for things they don't understand."

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NOEL COWARD, playwright, speculating on origin of superstition that 13 at table is unlucky: "Maybe it's because most people have place settings for only 12."

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Every time we think we've exhausted the field of automobile accessories we find something new.

We're interested in something called "Car Blaze" which is a reflecting light, with a difference. This one doesn't need to be permanently attached, since it fastens firmly to fender—or any place on car—with a magnetic base. Oncoming lights make it flash a warning. If you have to leave your car parked in the street, or if for any other reason, your car is at the mercy of other motorists, these lights should be useful. Only

\$1 each, or 3 for \$2.50 from Car Blaze Co, 2600 S Walnut St, Springfield, Ill.

In the cosmetics-for-the-car dept, a new cleansing cream will remove tarnish, grease and dirt. Actually, cream is to be used on any metal surface, but mfr says it is especially useful for cars because it contains special ingredients which nullify the electronic action which results in pitting of metals. Cream is said to leave a high luster. \$1.49 from Clipper Products, 3233 N Sheffield, Chicago 13, Ill.

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